

**NOTICE TO U.S. IMPORTERS  
MANGO BOARD  
IMPORTER NOMINATIONS**

October 15, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations from mango importers to fill eight member seats on the new Mango Board (Board). The Board will be responsible for implementing the recently approved Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) (7 CFR Part 1206).

According to the Order, in order to be eligible to serve on the Board as an importer, a person must import 500,000 or more pounds of mangos into the United States in a calendar year as a principal or as an agent, broker, or consignee of any person who produces or handles mangos outside of the United States, and who is listed by the Customs and Border Protection of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the importer of record.

As a mango importer, you qualify to nominate yourself or someone else for the importer positions on the board in the forthcoming election. If you are interested in serving, please complete and return the enclosed nomination/certification form. If you would like to nominate someone else, you will need to obtain a completed form from the other person certifying that he or she meets the eligibility requirements, is willing to be nominated, and if appointed, to serve on the Board. If you are nominating more than one person, please make copies of the form or contact us for additional forms.

Once eligible importers have been identified, a ballot will be prepared and mailed to all importers to determine those importers to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) for selection. Two names are needed for each position (a total of 16). The Secretary will then appoint importer members to serve on the Board.

Nominations must be received by USDA no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 15, 2004. Nominations received after that date will not be placed on the election ballot.

Enclosures:

Importer Nomination & Certificate Statement

Roles and Responsibilities of Mango Board members

**MANGO BOARD  
U.S. IMPORTER NOMINATION  
&  
CERTIFICATE STATEMENT**

I certify that I am a U.S. importer of 500,000 pounds or more of fresh mangos and I imported mangos between September 4, 2003 and October 4, 2004.

**Print Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**City:**\_\_\_\_\_ **State:**\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Telephone Number:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**City:**\_\_\_\_\_ **State:**\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Telephone Number:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission of Nomination to USDA**

Once you have completed and signed your nomination and certification statement mail, or fax it to USDA. Incomplete or unsigned information will not be accepted. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Jeanette Palmer or Margaret Irby at 1-888-720-9917.

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**Mail to:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs  
Research and Promotion Branch  
Mango Nominations  
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2535-S  
Washington, DC 20250-0244

Fax: (202) 205-2800

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USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards accurately reflects the diversity of individuals served by the programs. USDA encourages all eligible women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to be nominated for a seat on the Mango Board and if appointed, to serve and participate in Board activities.